

data packets to flow between nodes.

93. The computer readable medium of Claim 69, wherein different ones of said two or more nodes can be communicatively connected to a SAN using different network protocols.

94. The computer readable medium of Claim 69, wherein said first protocol is a SCSI protocol.

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REMARKS

Applicants request the Examiner to consider Applicants' present application in view of the application as amended. Claims 1-43 were originally filed and are pending, and claims 44-94 are added by this amendment. Applicants submit that the amended claims do not add new matter to the current application.

Compared to the originally filed claims, many of the claims are amended to replace "SCSI protocol" with "first protocol" to make the claims broader and more generic with respect to protocols. Compared to corresponding claims originally filed, the newly added claims are protocol generic and have proper antecedent basis, or simplify understanding of the claims. None of the newly added claims are added for prior art reasons. Further, the newly added claims have the same or broader scope than the originally filed claims. Therefore, the added claims do not narrow the scope of the invention.

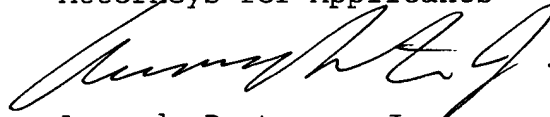
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the current Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

Enclosed is a check for \$1,086.00 for the newly added claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0456.

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